

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 1637
MATSUHISA et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: Babic, Christopher M.
Application No.: 10/588,597	)	
	)	Confirmation No.: 9532
Filed: February 4, 2007	)	
	)	<u><b>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</b></u>
Attorney Docket No.: 5426FP-1	)	
	)	<b><i>Submitted Via Electronic Filing</i></b>
For: METHOD OF DETECTING	)	
NUCLEIC ACID AND UTILIZATION	)	
THEREOF	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 24, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application and continued examination of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.